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## Introduction

Youth is ready to receive guidance. Those who have traveled along life's road owe it to those who are upon this journey to give direction. Those who have seen the glorious truth of the gospel are anxious to share it with youth. To make clear the truths of the Scripture and to provide an opportunity for definite impressions of these truths, the *Catechism Workbook* has been prepared.

On November 30, 1949, the Board of Education adopted a motion asking Rev. Walter Gering to serve as editor of the *Catechism Workbook*. In response to this request the lessons contained in this publication have been prepared. This material is not intended as a replacement of the *Catechism* itself, although it covers the same material. The order of presentation differs from that of the *Catechism*, yet with few exceptions each question treated in the *Catechism Book* has been incorporated in the lessons. This *Catechism Workbook* provides a way in which pupils may participate more vitally in a study of the area of Christian truth which should be the possession of all church members.

It is with this purpose in mind that the Board of Education and Publication publishes the *Catechism Workbook*.

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## General Suggestions

As we begin our studies it may be well for us to keep in mind a few general suggestions. These next months are an important time for each member of the class. It is the time in which we think much about our own life and the claims of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to the day when we shall be baptized and become members of the Church. These lessons, each Sunday, will lead us in our study and in preparation for that day. They are to be a guide in our study outside of class. During the class periods other thoughts will be added to those presented in these lessons. May you find these lessons helpful. May you find much joy in receiving and following the Lord Jesus as your Saviour during your study.


In order that you may gain the most out of these lessons the following suggestions are made:

1. Plan to be present at all meetings of the class and be on time.
2. Attend the regular services of the church as much as possible.
3. Keep up with the class work in your *workbook* study and hand in your work at the end of each unit.
4. In your daily walk, conduct yourself as one who is preparing for church membership and the Christian life. Remember that others will be observing your life in these days.
5. Feel free at all times to present your individual problems either in class or privately. The pastor is ready to help you whenever possible.
6. Make prayer and Bible study a part of your daily life.
7. Be free to consult your parents on any work done for class.
8. Be free to invite your parents and friends to visit the class at any time.
9. Keep in mind constantly the purpose of this class.
10. Keep your heart open to the Lord Jesus and the leading of His Spirit.



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# UNIT ONE

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR BIBLE

### Lesson I

#### The Parts of the Bible

It was four hundred years ago that our Bible was printed into the English language for the first time. It was in 1535 that the Bible began to be read by the ordinary people of the land. It was translated into the English by Myles Coverdale. Now the English people had this wonderful Book in a language which they could read and understand!

Today, as we look back over these hundreds of years, we see that this Book has been a great influence in the lives of men and nations. There have been men in every English-speaking nation who have loved the Bible and have respected it because of what it has done for them. Ramsey MacDonald, born in a two-room thatched hut in Scotland, rose twice to be Prime Minister of England and of the British Empire. He often said that he owed more to the Bible than to any other influence in his life. Abraham Lincoln, our beloved president of the past said: "In regard to the great Book, I have only to say that it is the best gift that God has ever given man."

The Bible is the book which our Mennonite fathers honored and loved for hundreds of years. It has been a guide for their daily life. It has given them joy in the bitter experiences which have been theirs through the many years of our history. It is the Book which your fathers and mothers have been reading and using for their daily walk.

Today we begin our study of this Book as we take a look at its parts. The chart, below, will help you to see the different parts of the Bible. Study it prayerfully.

A General Chart of the Bible

HOLY BIBLE									
Old Testament					New Testament				
1500 B. C.			40 Authors			A. D. 100			
Hebrew			1000 Languages			Greek			
WORLD'S BEST SELLER									
LAW - - - - - 5		HISTORY - - - - - 12		POETRY - - - - - 5		PROPHETS		Major - - - - - 5	
						Minor - - - - - 12			
						GOSPELS - - - - - 4			
						HISTORY - - - - - 1			
						EPISTLES		Pauline - - - - - 14	
						General - - - - - 7			
						PROPHECY - - - - - 1			



## Something for You to Think About

1. The word "Bible" comes from a Greek word meaning a written book, roll, or scroll. Why do you suppose it was called "Holy Bible"?
2. The Book is divided into two main parts. What are they called?
3. Can you find the answer to the following questions as you look at the chart?
  - a. There are ..... books in the Bible. .... in the Old Testament and ..... in the New Testament.
  - b. About ..... writers have had a part in writing the Bible.
  - c. They began writing in the period about ..... B.C. and finished the writing about A.D. ....
  - d. The Bible has been translated into about ..... languages. Most of the Old Testament was written in the ..... language and the New Testament in the ..... language.
  - e. The books in the Old Testament are divided into: .... law, .... history, .... poetry, ..... prophets.
  - f. The books in the New Testament are divided into: .... Gospels, .... history, ..... epistles, ..... prophecy.
4. From the index in your Bible fill in the books which belong to each group.
  - a. Law .....
  - b. History .....
  - c. Poetry .....
  - d. Prophets .....
  - a. Gospels .....
  - b. History .....
  - c. Epistles .....
  - d. Prophecy .....
5. Why do you think the Bible is the best seller among books?

## Study Projects

1. Learn the names of the books in each group. We will review these each Sunday, this month, so that we may become well acquainted with them.
2. Learn to find the books in the Bible quickly by looking up various passages which come to your mind.



## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR BIBLE

### Lesson II

#### Writing the Bible

How did we get our Bible? Today we find this book wherever we go. We find it in our churches, in our libraries, in our schools, and in our homes. It is even in our hotels and motels. We have always seen it ever since we were little children. Where did it come from? Who wrote it and why? How is it that we have it in our own language?

In our lesson, today, we shall try to answer a few of these questions. The story of how our Bible came to be is a thrilling story to read. When we see how the Bible has been written and kept during all these hundreds of years we see that the hand of God has been with it. It is He who has directed men in their writing of the Book. Not only that, but God has also protected it so that you and I might have it today. Our lesson will show this to us.

We know that God did not drop this Holy Book down from the skies. We know that He used men as instruments in His hands to write for Him. Long before the days of Moses, men had already learned to write. This we know from the study of many writings which have been found on pillars and walls, tombs and tablets. Men had learned to express their ideas in writing upon stones, bricks, parchments, and other writing materials. Such men and materials God used to write the Bible as we now have it.

It will interest you to know that God used all kinds of people to write His Book: Moses, the prince, brought up with all the advantages of royalty, with all the learning of the Egyptians; David, the king, with limited advantages of instruction; Isaiah, the scholar of Israel; Ezekiel, the priest; Amos, the herdsman; Paul, the learned Pharisee, with the advantages of the schools of his day. These and others were all instruments in God's hand in writing His Book.

#### The Writers of the Bible

1. Last week we learned that forty different writers had a part in writing the Bible. The following passages from the Bible tell us who some of the writers were. Who are those mentioned in these verses?
  - a. Exodus 34: 27-28 .....
  - b. Jeremiah 30:12 .....
  - c. Luke 1: 1-4 .....
  - d. II Thessalonians 3: 17 .....
  - e. I Peter 1: 1-2 .....
  - f. Jude 1: 1 .....
  - g. II Peter 1: 20-21 .....
  - h. I John 1: 1-4 .....
  - i. Revelation 1: 1 .....





2. Some of the writers of the Bible tell us why they wrote as they did. What are some of the reasons given by the following men?
  - a. Isaiah      Isaiah 8:1 .....
  - b. Jeremiah    Jeremiah 36:2 .....
  - c. Habakkuk    Habakkuk 2:2-3 .....
  - d. John        John 20:30-31 .....
    - I John 1:4 .....
    - I John 5:13 .....
  - e. Paul        I Corinthians 4:14 .....
  - f. Jude        Jude 3 .....
  - g. Prophets    Romans 15:4 .....
    - I Corinthians 10:11 .....
    - II Timothy 3:14-17 .....

### Testing Your Memory

Without consulting your workbook fill out the following completion sentences as a test of what you have learned.

1. The ..... and the hymnbook are the two books which our people have honored through the centuries.
2. Five of the writers whom God used in giving us the Bible were:  
 ....., ....., ....., ....., .....
3. .... was a prince who wrote parts of the Bible; .... was a king who wrote; .... was a scholar; .... was a priest; .... was a herdsman; .... was a taxgatherer; .... was a fisherman; .... was one of the leading Pharisees of his day.
4. Although it was men who wrote the Bible, it was ..... who inspired them in their writing.
5. My favorite writer in the Bible is .....
6. Five important reasons why the writers wrote:
  - a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....
  - d. ....
  - e. ....
7. Two common translations of the Bible used today are:
  - a. ....
  - b. ....

### Study Projects

Continue to learn the names of the books of the Bible and their location in the Bible.



## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE BIBLE

### Lesson 3

#### The Bible Is True

Can I believe that the Bible is true? Last week we saw that the Bible was written by some forty men. Sometimes we hear people say that they do not believe the Bible. Can we be sure that it is true? What are some of the reasons we have to show that it is true?

In our study, this week, we shall try to show at least a few reasons why we can believe that the Bible is the Word of God. We do not need to be afraid to face the question. The more we learn about the Bible the more we become convinced that it is really the truth, God's Holy Word. We are fortunate to live at a time when we can find many witnesses to tell us about the truth of God's Word. We cannot mention all of them but we will mention a few in our lesson today.

1. There is the voice of the SPADE. By this we mean the many articles found by people who are engaged in digging up old ruins in order to study the life and customs of people who lived hundreds of years ago. During the past fifty years these men, called archeologists, have found and uncovered the ruins of so many ancient cities that tons of tablets, inscriptions, books, and letters written on clay and burned into tiles have been uncovered and studied. There are many books on this subject which you may want to read in days to come. They tell of the wonderful way in which the Bible has been shown to be true. The longer the archeologists dig into these ruins, the more certain we are that the Bible has spoken the truth.
2. A second voice which tells us that the Bible is true is the voice of HISTORY. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are full of prophecies, telling of things which were to happen long before they actually happened. Many of these were fulfilled in the past, others are being fulfilled today, and some will still come to pass in the future. If you study the Old Testament you will find many verses telling about the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. You will find that much of His life was foretold long before He came. Read Genesis 49:10, Isaiah 7:14, Jeremiah 31:15, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 22, and Isaiah 53 as examples. The fact that these and many other prophecies were fulfilled long after they had been written, gives us reason to believe the Bible is true.
3. A third voice which speaks of the truth of the Bible is God's PROTECTION of this Book. Many years ago Thomas Paine said that in fifty years the Bible would disappear. Yet, today, the Bible is still being sold in larger numbers than any other book. The Bible has always had its enemies who have tried to destroy it. But, today, it stands while its enemies have fallen one by one. We believe that God has been protecting His Book. The fact that it is with us today shows us that God's hand has been resting upon it.
4. Then there is the voice of HUMAN EXPERIENCE. There have always been people who have read the Bible, believed it, and it has changed their



whole life. It has given them hope, faith, and strength for each day. It has brought them to the Lord Jesus who has given them eternal life and peace of heart. No other book has had the power to change lives and hearts as has this Book. It must be true!

5. The Bible claims to have been WRITTEN in a way which is not true of other books. Over 2500 times in the Bible we have expressions such as these: "thus saith the Lord," "the Lord spoke," "the word of the Lord came unto me." The Bible claims to be the Word of God as He spoke to men. It makes this claim: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" and "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Yes, we have reason to believe that the Bible is true, that it is the Word of God written by His servants as He led them in their writing.

#### For Your Study

1. What did Jesus say about the writings of the prophets?
  - a. Matthew 5:17-18 .....
  - b. John 17:17 .....
2. What did Jesus say about His own words?
  - a. Mark 13:31 .....
  - b. John 6:63 .....
  - c. John 14:23-24 .....
- X 3. What did Paul say about the words of the Bible?

"All scripture is given by ....., "

II Timothy 3:16.
- X 4. What did Peter say about the words of the Bible?

"Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the ....., "

II Peter 1:21.
5. The expression, "thus saith the Lord" and similar ones are used over ..... times in the Bible.
6. Writings found on tablets and stones show that the history told in the Bible is .....
7. Four voices which tell us, today, that the Bible is true are:
  - a. the voice of .....
  - b. the voice of .....
  - c. the voice of .....
  - d. the voice of .....
8. The psalmist tells us that the Bible will do many things for us if we read and follow it. In Psalm 19:7-9 he mentions some of these. List four things the Bible will do for us.
  - a. ....
  - b. ....



- c. ....
- d. ....

## Study Project

Review the names of the books of the Bible.

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE BIBLE

### Lesson 4

#### Using the Bible

During these past weeks we have seen how valuable and important the Bible is for us. We have seen the general plan of the Bible as a book. We have seen that it can be divided into many parts. Yet it all fits together to make one book – the wonderful Word of God! There is still much for us to learn. The Bible, as other books, must be read and studied if it is to mean something to us.

You will soon discover that the Bible is not easy to read. There are some books which are very simple. We read them once and we know just what they mean. There are other books which we must read and study many times before we know their meaning. The Bible is much like that. It has many simple passages which we can understand at once. There are other passages which we must read often before we catch their meaning. The language sometimes makes it difficult for us because the translations commonly used have English words which were used over three hundred years ago. They have many words and sentences that are strange to us today. The Bible is written about people who lived on the other side of the world, thousands of years ago. These people had many customs and ideas different from ours. That also makes the Book, at times, hard for us to understand. There are people who have studied the Book for many years and still find passages which they do not fully understand.

This should not discourage us. There is much which you and I can understand as we read. Many books have been written which tell us how to use the Bible in order that we may understand it better. We will suggest a few simple guides in our lesson today. Try different ways of reading the Bible and find out which is most helpful to you.

#### Jesus and His Use of the Bible

1. What part did the Bible have in Jesus' early childhood training? Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:18-21.
2. Read the familiar account from the life of Jesus, in Luke 2:41-52. What does it tell us about Jesus and His understanding of the Scriptures?
3. When Jesus came to Nazareth and entered the synagogue He was given a portion of the Bible to read during the service. What did He say about the passage which He read? Luke 4:16-21.





4. Jesus often quoted from His Bible. When did He do this according to the following passages:
- a. Luke 4: 1- 13 .....
  - b. Matthew 12: 1-8 .....
  - c. Matthew 15: 1-6 .....
  - d. Matthew 19: 16-22 .....
  - e. Matthew 22: 35-39 .....
  - f. Matthew 27: 46 .....

#### Suggestions for Using the Bible

1. The Bible tells us that we should keep several things in mind as we use it. The following passages will give you some suggestions. What are they?
- a. Jeremiah 15: 16 .....
  - b. Matthew 4: 4 .....
  - c. John 8: 31, 47 .....
  - d. Colossians 3: 16 .....
  - e. James 1: 21 .....
  - f. I Peter 2: 1-2 .....
  - g. I John 2: 5 .....
2. Men of God who have learned to use the Bible in their own experience have suggested ways of using the Bible which have been helpful to them. Consider the following:
- a. Read thoughtfully and reverently.
  - b. Read, seeking a helpful message for the day.
  - c. Underline passages which impress you as you read them.
  - d. Set aside a definite daily time for reading and keep it faithfully.
  - e. Let your reading guide your living.
  - f. Read your Bible, a book at a time, and keep the whole in mind as you read.
  - g. Read with faith. Believe that God means what He says.

Which of the above do you believe are the three most important?

- a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....
3. Jesus used the Scriptures (check those which are right).
- ( ) to defend His actions.
  - ( ) to improve His reading.
  - ( ) to condemn His enemies.
  - ( ) to guide in the hour of temptation.
  - ( ) in His prayers.
  - ( ) as the Word of God.



( ) on the Sabbath but not during the week.

( ) as a prophecy concerning Himself.

4. My favorite Bible verse is the following: .....  
.....  
.....
5. To review. The Bible can be divided into the following groups of books:
  - a. Law with ..... books.
  - b. .... with twelve books.
  - c. Poetry with ..... books.
  - d. Prophets with ..... books.  
..... major prophets  
..... minor prophets
  - e. Gospels with ..... books.
  - f. .... with one book.
  - g. Epistles with ..... books.  
..... written by Paul.  
..... written by other writers
  - h. .... with one book.

#### Study Project

1. Review the books of the Bible repeating them as rapidly as you can. You should be able to repeat them by this time without making a mistake. Can you?
2. Bring to class ten questions on the Bible which we can use to review the four lessons which we have studied these past weeks.



## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH GOD

## Lesson 1

## God Is Real

We have been thinking about the Christian's textbook, the Bible. We have learned that it is a very old book, written many years ago. We have learned also that it is God's message to the people of every age. God has revealed Himself to us through men such as Paul, Peter, Moses, and others. We believe that the Bible is also His message to us today.

We begin a new study with today's lesson. Since the Bible is God's Word we are interested in knowing what God has spoken to us through the Bible. In our next studies we will try to learn some of the most important things which God has spoken. We are interested not only in knowing what He has spoken but we also wish to know how we can apply these things to our own lives. We will need to pray that He may open our hearts to these truths and make them live for us and in us.

We will begin our study with God, Himself. From the earliest days of our childhood we have heard about Him in the Sunday school and from our parents in the home. We have heard prayers offered to Him; we have sung hymns of praise and devotion. During these next weeks we will try to learn more about Him. How do we know that there is a God? What is He like? Can we really learn to know Him as one who is very personal to us? Is He near us or far away? There are many questions which come to us. We shall try to answer a few of these during the next lessons.

God is real. We can be certain there is a God who has made all things. The psalmist has written these words: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." In order that we may be certain of this he has written these words twice. You will find them in Psalm 14:1 and Psalm 53:1.

There are a number of facts which remind us that God is real. Notice the following thoughts:

1. The Bible takes Him for granted in every book.
2. The world of nature speaks of Him through the order and design in which it has been made.
3. People of every race worship a god. Missionaries tell us that even the lowest tribes believe that there is a god.
4. God shows Himself in many ways through the experiences of people.
  - a. He answers prayer.
  - b. He speaks to human hearts in many ways.

## For Your Study

1. The Bible begins with four important words. What are they? See Genesis 1:1. ....
2. John says that " .....  
 ..... " (John 1:18) Does this mean that there is no God?



3. Even though we cannot see God He has revealed Himself in many different ways. The following are suggested by the Bible:
  - a. .... Psalm 19:1-4
  - b. .... Zechariah 1:9
  - c. .... John 1:18
  - d. .... Acts 14:17
  - e. .... Romans 1:20
  - f. .... Hebrews 1:1
  - g. .... Hebrews 11:3
4. The prophet, Isaiah, is one of those who has much to say about God. Read the following passages in his book: 40:12, 26; 42:5; 45:18. What important things does he say?
5. In Psalm 90:1-2 the psalmist speaks of God as being "from everlasting to everlasting." What do you understand by this expression?
6. What do we learn about God and the Creation in John 1:1-3?
7. What does Jesus teach concerning His own relationship to God?
  - a. .... John 10:30
  - b. .... John 11:41-42
  - c. .... John 14:9
8. What shall be our attitude toward God? .....  
 ...., Deuteronomy 6:5

Is it True? Check the true statements.

1. ( ) The Bible begins and ends with the thought of God.
2. ( ) It really makes very little difference if there is a God or not.
3. ( ) We know that God is real because He answers prayers.
4. ( ) Even the heathen tribes of the world believe in the existence of a god.
5. ( ) Some people have seen God.
6. ( ) There is nothing in the world today which God has not created.
7. ( ) It requires faith to believe in the existence of God.
8. ( ) Nature has many ways in which it reveals the existence of God.
9. ( ) The greatest scientists of our day believe that there is a God who has created this universe.
10. ( ) God is far away from every one of us.

### Study Projects

1. Study questions 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the Catechism book. They deal with the existence of God.





2. Come to class prepared to give your reasons why you believe in the existence of God.

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH GOD

### Lesson 2

#### The Truth About God

Last week we thought about the fact that there is a God. It does make a real difference to us whether we believe there is a God or not. We have reviewed the factors which tell us that we can believe in God. Today we are interested in another question: What kind of a God do we worship? Since it is true that no man has seen Him, what do we know about Him? Is there anything which the Bible, nature, or the experience of men teach us about Him that we can know?

It would be impossible for us to learn all about Him in a few short hours. But we will try to learn a few of the most important things. As we live with Him and for Him in years to come, we will find that our knowledge and understanding of Him will increase. We must never be satisfied to think that we know all about Him. We catch only glimpses of Him as we go along. Even this is enough to show us that we have a wonderful God to whom we may give our lives in loving obedience and faith.

First of all, let us clarify the fact that there is only ONE God. The heathen people worship idols and strange gods. They have many different gods. But we know there is only one God whom we worship. He has shown Himself to us in different ways. He has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Read Isaiah 44:6-8. What does the prophet say about this truth?

1. The KNOWLEDGE of God is far beyond our understanding. Notice some of the things which the Bible says about His knowledge.
  - a. .... I Chronicles 28:9
  - b. .... Job 34:21
  - c. .... Psalm 139:1-4
  - d. .... Jeremiah 23:24
  - e. .... Daniel 2:22
  - f. .... Matthew 6:8
  - g. .... I Corinthians 3:20
2. God is POWERFUL. The creation of the world reveals this to us. Job says concerning God: "I know that Thou canst .....  
....." (Job 42:2) The angel speaking to Mary, the mother of Jesus, said, "For with God .....  
....." (Luke 1:37) Daniel believed that God could even "deliver .....  
....."  
(Daniel 3:17)



Other passages also speak to us concerning the power of God. Note the following:

a. John the Baptist says:

..... Luke 3:8

b. Paul says:

..... Ephesians 3:20

..... II Timothy 1:12

..... Hebrews 7:24, 25

c. Jude says:

..... Jude 24

3. God is NEAR. Often we think of God as being afar off in the heavens, seated upon His throne. Yet the psalmist considers Him to be very near, always present where we are. Read his words in Psalm 139:7-12. Note how Jesus speaks the same thought in Matthew 28:20: "Lo, I am with ....

....."

Colossians 1:15. If we wish to know what God is like we may do so by becoming acquainted with His Son, the Lord Jesus. This we do by studying His life as it is revealed in the Bible and by living with Him in faith.

4. God is LOVE. We shall learn more about this in the next lessons. We shall learn of Him as One who is holy and just in all of His dealings. Behind all He does for us is the spirit of love. We know that God loves us because "God .....

.....

....." (I John 4:9)

#### Multiple Choice (Underline the right answer)

1. We can learn to know God best by (thinking about Him) (reading the Bible) (studying nature) (listening to what others have to say about Him) (giving our hearts to Christ).
2. Nature shows us that God is (a loving Father) (severe in His judgments) (able to do all things) (a God of order) (a God who loves beauty) (a great Inventor) (a great Creator).
3. God is able to (help me when I am sick) (help me in my examinations in school) (supply all my needs for life) (speak to me when I am discouraged) (change the weather) (save me from sin and prepare me for heaven). Which of these do you think most important? Check two.
4. The knowledge of God is (so great that He knows everything) (limited so that He knows some things but not all) (knows the past and present but not the future) (so great that He knows the words we speak but not what we think).
5. "God is Love" means that (God overlooks our faults) (God gives us everything we want) (God gives us what is best for us) (we can trust Him in every experience) (God will never forsake us) (God loves all people).

#### Study Project

1. Study questions 11, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 33 in the Catechism book.
2. Bring to class an illustration of God's love for man.



## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH GOD

### Lesson 3

#### God's Presence In The World

We have seen in our studies that there is a God who has made this world in which we live. He is the Creator. In this lesson we shall try to learn more about the way in which He works in the world He has made. Having made the world according to order and laws of nature, does it now run like a machine while He watches from above? Or does He still have a hand in its affairs even today? This is one of the questions which we must answer as it is important that we know how God works in the world today.

Jesus tells us that God the Father is always near at hand, working in the world which He has created. Not only did He make it with its laws but He keeps His hand in its affairs. When Jesus was questioned about His work He said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." In our lesson today we shall learn some of the things God does in the world which show that He is most interested and concerned about this world.

1. First of all, let us see how God watches over His CREATION and provides for it in everyday life.
  - a. God sends the "..... into the valleys." (Psalm 104:10)
  - b. He "..... the hills." (Psalm 104:13)
  - c. He "..... the grass ..... for .....  
....." (Psalm 104:14)
  - d. He causes herbs to grow "for the service of ....." (Psalm 104:14)
  - e. He "..... the moon for ....." (Psalm 104:19)
  - f. The young lions seek "..... from God." (Psalm 104:21)
  - g. The animals of the sea wait upon God that they may receive their  
"....." (Psalm 104:27)
  - h. Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father ..... the .....  
(Matthew 6:26), ..... the ..... of the field (Matthew 6:30), notices even the fall of a ..... (Matthew 10:29)
  - i. Paul says that God "gave us ..... from ....., and .....  
....., filling our hearts with ..... and gladness." (Acts 14:17)
  - j. All this should teach us that God has not only made the world of nature, but is also the One in "whose hand is the ..... of .....  
....." (Job 12:10)
2. Having seen how God provides for His creation, let us also notice how He watches over the NATIONS of the world and directs them.
  - a. The affairs and doings of all nations are known to Him for ".....  
....." (Psalm 66:7)  
Therefore no nation should ..... itself.



- b. He rules our nations through ..... who are called ..... of God. (Romans 13:3-4) Therefore we are to be ..... to the higher powers. (Romans 13:1)
- c. Daniel tells us that God " ..... kings, and ..... kings" (Daniel 2:21), " ..... in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to ..... " (Daniel 4:25), doeth according to " ..... " (Daniel 4:35)
3. Now let us notice the questions in our Catechism book which deal with this subject. Study the following questions in the book: 18, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43. Then complete the following sentences:
  - a. When we see green grass it should remind us that God cares for the (beasts) (man).
  - b. God watches over His creatures (daily) (weekly) (once in a while).
  - c. If God should withdraw from His creatures for a moment they would .....
  - d. It is (God) (man) who determines the length of life.
  - e. God (rules) (watches) (is indifferent to) the way of nations.
  - f. God shall rule (as long as the world exists) (forever) (until He will be defeated by Satan).
  - g. It is (impossible) (possible) for us to understand God's ways.
  - h. Where we do not understand we must (believe) (refuse to believe) (wait and see).
  - i. We need to: ..... in God, ..... all our cares upon ....., and ..... His righteousness.
  - j. We have the promise that if we seek His kingdom first, He will ..... that which we need. (Matthew 6:33)

### Study Project

1. Bring to class an illustration out of nature which shows that God provides for the birds.
2. Can you find an illustration from history which shows that God protects our presidents?

## GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH GOD

### Lesson 4

#### God Lives with His Children

Today we want to think of the manner in which God lives with us as One who is very near at all times. He lives with us as a Father with His children. Our Catechism tells us that "He is the true Father over all, called children, in heaven and earth; that He is the Father of all believers, and that He is, in a special manner, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." See question 18 in the Catechism book.





From early childhood we have been taught to think of God as a loving Father who watches over us and provides for us. He has sent His own Son, Jesus, into this world because of His love and concern for us. Jesus was willing to come and even willing to die for our sins on the cross in order that we might have eternal life. As we accept Him as our Saviour and live for Him, we discover that God's love and concern for us never ends. This we understand more and more as we walk together with Him.

Jesus taught and spoke of God as a heavenly Father to whom we can come at all times with all of our needs. He knows our every need even before we come to Him and is always ready to answer our call. Our study this week should be an encouragement to us to come to Him in faith, believing that He is ready to receive us as His children in Christ Jesus.

1. First of all, we should know that God LOVES all mankind.
  - a. God so "loved the ....., that he gave his only begotten Son, that ..... believeth in him should not perish." (John 3:16)
  - b. God is "..... that any should perish, but that ... should come to ....." (II Peter 3:9)
  - c. God makes "his sun to rise on the ..... and on ....., and sendeth rain on the ..... and on the....." (Matthew 5:45)
  - d. God sent Jesus, His beloved Son, to die for the sins of "....." (I John 2:2)
2. Then we should know that God has offered His HELP to us in every problem of life. There is never a time when we cannot come to Him and find Him ready and eager to help us.
  - a. When we are in TROUBLE we are to call upon Him and His promise is "....." (Psalm 50:15) "All things work together ..... to them that....." (Romans 8:28) "When thou passest through the waters, I will ..... " (Isaiah 43:2)
  - b. When we are in need of DAILY SUPPLIES His promises are: "..... in the Lord and .....; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou ....." (Psalm 37:3) "When the poor and needy seek ....., and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will ....., I the God of Israel will ....." (Isaiah 41:17) "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be ....." (Matthew 6:33)
  - c. When we are DISCOURAGED He tells us: "Let not your heart be troubled ..., I go to ..... for you." (John 14:1-2) "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above .....; but will with the temptation also make a way ....., that ye may be able to ....."



.....” (I Corinthians 10:13) We may know in moments of discouragement that Jesus, God’s own Son, was tempted “.....  
....., yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15) He, therefore, can sympathize with us and help us.

d. When we are **BURDENED** with our sin and feel our need of a Saviour, He is always ready to come to our aid.

(a) We know that Jesus died for our sins on the cross. “Who his own self ..... in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.” (I Peter 2:24)

(b) God will forgive us as we come to Him for it is written: “If we ..... our sins, he is ..... and .....to ..... us our sins, and to ..... us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

**What Do You Think? Check the true Statements.**

1. ( ) There is never a time when God does not love us.
2. ( ) Even nature shows us that God loves every one.
3. ( ) God helps those who help themselves.
4. ( ) God sent His Son to die for the sins of those who would believe on Him.
5. ( ) God is concerned that every one should become a Christian.
6. ( ) God does not directly have a hand in supplying us with food.
7. ( ) God can understand our suffering because He suffered also in Jesus as He lived here on earth.
8. ( ) God wants to give us victory in every temptation.
9. ( ) There are times when our sin becomes so great that God will not forgive us even though we ask for forgiveness.
10. ( ) We can learn about God’s love for us by observing the love which our earthly parents have for us.

**Write a Paragraph**

Today we finish this unit of lessons on **Getting Acquainted with God**. Write a short paragraph telling some of the things you have learned about God in these weeks.

**How About it?**

We have studied about God in the past lessons. We have seen that He is One who is concerned about us. It is His desire that we might learn to trust and believe in Him. He longs to join in fellowship with us in our daily walk. That is why He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus, into this world. And as we accept Him as our own Saviour and walk with Him, God becomes a real companion and Father to us. Do you believe in Him? Have you accepted His Son, the Lord Jesus, as your Saviour? That is what He wants you to do.

**Catechism Book**

Study questions: 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43.



## UNIT THREE

### JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

#### Lesson 1

#### The Life of Jesus

We shall begin our study of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by becoming acquainted with some of the important facts of His life. In Sunday school we have been learning about Him and His works. In this lesson we will review many of the things which we have already learned.

#### 1. The Birth of Jesus

Jesus was born about 1900 years ago in the land of Palestine. Long before His birth the prophets told of His coming. Among other things they told that He would be born at ..... (Micah 5: 2), to the family of ..... (Isaiah 11:1) Shortly before the birth of Jesus it was again foretold to ..... (Luke 1: 31) and ..... (Matthew 1: 21) Because of a Roman decree Joseph and Mary went from ..... (Luke 2: 4) to ..... (Luke 2: 4) where Jesus was born. After spending a short while in the land of ..... (Matthew 2: 5), the family returned to ..... (Matthew 2: 23) where Jesus spent His early youth. We know little about these early years except that at the age of ..... He went to the city of ..... (Luke 2: 41-42) Then He returned to Nazareth. It is said of Him that He advanced in ..... and ..... and in ..... and ..... (Luke 2: 52) Joseph was a ..... (Mark 6: 3) by trade and it is thought that Jesus also worked in the carpenter shop.

#### 2. The Ministry of Jesus

At the age of about thirty years, Jesus was baptized by ..... in the ..... (Mark 1: 9) At His baptism He heard the voice of God saying, "..... art my ....., in whom I am ....." (Mark 1: 11) From this experience He went into the ..... where He spent ..... days. Here He was tempted of Satan. After this He began preaching and teaching. He began His ministry in ..... (Mark 1: 14), teaching in their ..... (Luke 4: 15) One of the first places He preached was at ..... (Luke 4: 16) Here they would not believe His teaching and drove Him out. His theme in those early days was, "....., and ....." (Mark 1: 15) Jesus went about all Galilee, ..... and ..... and ..... (Matthew 4: 23) One of the sermons which Jesus preached is



called the Sermon on the ..... (Matthew 5:1) In this message the people were ..... at His teaching for He taught them as one having ..... (Matthew 7:28 and 29) He closed His message with the thought that all who ..... and ..... His words are like a wise man who builds his house upon a ..... (Matthew 7:24)

### 3. The Friends of Jesus

As helpers in His ministry Jesus chose ..... men such as ....., ....., and ..... (Mark 1:16 and 19) Although Jesus had many enemies there were also those who thought much of Him. Some thought He was ..... come back to life; others thought He was ....., or ....., or one of the ..... (Matthew 16:14) Peter said He was the ....., the Son ..... (Matthew 16:16)

### 4. The Crucifixion of Jesus

Soon after the great confession of Peter, Jesus made His last journey to Jerusalem. On the first Palm Sunday, the beginning of the last week of His earthly life, He rode into the city on a ..... (Mark 11:7) while the crowd cried out in great excitement, "....." (Matthew 21:9) However, this did not last very long as He soon found them crying out, "....." (Luke 23:21) In the short week between these two shouting crowds, Jesus cleansed the ..... (Luke 19:45), ..... the people (Luke 20:1), spoke many things in ..... (Matthew 22:1), ate the ..... with His disciples in the Upper Room (Luke 22:8), ..... in the Garden, (Mark 14:32), was betrayed by ..... (Luke 22:48), and then was finally delivered to be crucified by ..... (Matthew 27:26) He was crucified between two ..... (Matthew 27:38) After Jesus died, He was buried in the tomb of ..... (Matthew 27:57 and 60)

### 5. The Resurrection of Jesus

On the first day of the week the tomb was found empty and an angel announced to the women, "He is not here: for he is ..... as ..... (Matthew 28:6) He was seen alive by many such as the ..... in the room (Luke 24:36), ..... (John 20:26), ..... (I Corinthians 15:5), and a group of ..... at one time. (I Corinthians 15:6) His final command to the disciples was, ..... (Mark 16:15) Then "he was received ..... and sat on the ..... (Mark 16:19) As they watched His ascension the disciples were told that He would "..... in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)





### Choose Your Own (Which is right?)

1. Jesus was born in (a small village) (a large city) (Galilee) (Samaria) (Judea) (Jerusalem).
2. The friends of Jesus followed Him because (He gave them bread to eat) (He promised them riches) (He performed such great miracles) (they had nothing else to do) (they loved Him).
3. The enemies of Jesus hated Him because (He did not help them enough) (He paid no attention to them) (He told them about their sins) (He claimed to be the Son of God) (they were jealous of Him).

### Correct These Events (Place in the right order)

Crucifixion	1.
Baptism	2.
Birth	3.
Visit to the Temple as a Boy	4.
Choosing of the Twelve	5.
Cleansing of the Temple	6.
Temptation in the Desert	7.
Betrayal	8.
Peter's Great Confession	9.
Triumphal Entry	10.
Ascension	11.
Journey to Egypt	12.

### Catechism Book

Study questions 80 through 88 in the Catechism book. These deal with the life of Jesus here on earth.

## JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

### Lesson 2

#### The Divine Nature of Jesus

Last week we studied the earthly life of Jesus as it was lived in Palestine almost two thousand years ago. This week we shall see that there is another side to the life of our Lord. He was much like other men in that He lived and worked as others of His day did, having many of the same feelings and problems, yet He was different from all the rest of us. He was GOD revealing Himself to us and living with us in the form of a man. God so loved the world that He came and lived with us, finally He died for us in order that we might be saved and have eternal life. In our lesson today we shall try to see the other side of Jesus, His divine side, which He showed in His words and deeds. We shall observe what He said about Himself and also what others said about Him who knew Him well.



1. Jesus lived for over thirty years before He was crucified. During that time He was tempted by the ..... (Luke 4:2) in all points like as ....., yet He was without ..... (Hebrews 4:15) That has never been true of anyone else but ..... have ..... and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23) When Jesus stood in the presence of His enemies He asked them, "Which of you convinceth me of .....?" (John 8:46) They could not point to any sin in His life.
2. The disciples who lived with Him and heard His words and saw His deeds became certain that He was divine.
  - a. Peter, when asked what he thought of Jesus, said, "Thou art the ....., the Son of the ....." (Matthew 16:16)
  - b. Thomas said of Him, "My ..... and my God." (John 20:28)
  - c. All the disciples on the last evening before the crucifixion said, "Now are we sure that thou ....., ... we believe that thou camest forth from ....." (John 16:30)
3. Many times Jesus spoke about Himself as the One who came from God and claimed to be divine.
  - a. When speaking with those who hated Him He said, "I and ..... are ....." (John 10:30) When they wanted to stone Him, they said, "Thou, being a man, makest thyself ....." (John 10:33)
  - b. He said that "..... men should honour ....., even as they honour the Father." (John 5:23)
  - c. He often spoke of God as "....." (John 5:17)
  - d. When asked by the high priest, "Art thou the Christ?" He said, "....." (Mark 14:61 and 62)
4. Many different names are given to Jesus which point to the fact that He was more than man. Note the following:
  - a. "We know that the ..... is come." (I John 5:20)
  - b. "Heshall show who is the blessed and only ....., the ..... of ....., and ..... of ....." (I Timothy 6:15)
  - c. He is called "the ..... of their .....", in Hebrews 2:10:
  - d. "Ye denied the ..... One and the ....." (Acts 3:14)
  - e. "There shall come out of Zion the ....." (Romans 11:26)
  - f. "There is one ..... and one ..... between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." (I Timothy 2:5)
5. During the days of His preaching, Jesus spoke of Himself:
  - a. As One who had existed before His birth at Bethlehem, "Before Abraham was, ....." (John 8:58)



- b. As One who had power to do all things. "All ..... is given unto me in ..... and in ..... " (Matthew 28:18)
  - c. As One who could forgive sins. "That ye may know that the Son of man hath ..... on earth ..... " (Mark 2:10)
  - d. As One who would save us from our sins. "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall ..... " (John 10:9)
  - e. As One who would give life and resurrection. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet ..... " (John 11:25)
  - f. As One who was the only way for man to come to God. "No man cometh unto the Father, but ..... " (John 14:6)
6. When Paul wrote about Jesus as the Son of God he said that the Father has given Jesus a name which is ..... every name (Philippians 2:9) and that every knee should ..... at the name of ..... (Philippians 2:10) and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is ..... (Philippians 2:11)

Unscramble These (The following are names which have been given to Jesus)

SEJSU IRTSHC

DGO NSO FO

HSESAMI

RLDO

YOLH NEO

RVIAUOS

RDWO

PHESRDHE

GINK FO NIGKS

ROLD FO DLROS

RTSEAM

DVLOEEB NSO

TTENAEP0

GHIH IETSRP

NIRPEC FO EFIL

### Seven Great "I Am's"

In the Gospel of John we see Jesus making great claims for Himself. What are they?

1. "....." 6:35
2. "....." 8:12
3. "....." 8:58
4. "....." 10:11
5. "....." 11:25
6. "....." 14:6
7. "....." 15:1

### Who Said This?

1. "This is the Son of God." John 1:34
2. "Thou art the Son of God." John 1:49



3. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." John 11: 27
4. "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God." John 20: 31
5. "I am the Son of God." John 10: 36

#### What Did He Do?

"No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." These words were spoken by Nicodemus in John 3: 2.

1. John 2: 1-11 .....
2. John 4: 46-54 .....
3. John 5: 1-47 .....
4. John 6: 1-14 .....
5. John 6: 15-21 .....
6. John 9: 1-41 .....
7. John 11: 1-57 .....

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 19 to 21.

## JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

### Lesson 3

#### Jesus and the Cross

Today we come to the story of the death of Jesus. We have learned about His earthly life and some of the experiences which He had during these years. We have studied about Him as the Son of God, living daily in companionship and fellowship with the heavenly Father. Today we want to think about the closing scenes in His earthly life. As you know from the lessons you have had in Sunday school, Jesus finally was crucified by those who hated Him and would not accept Him. Today we want to learn more about that death on the cross. We shall see that this cross was a real thing in the life of Jesus. He felt that it was very important for you and for me. Not only did Jesus teach this; also the others who followed Him taught the same. Study the lesson today with this question in mind: *WHAT DOES THE DEATH OF JESUS ON THE CROSS MEAN FOR ME?*

#### 1. The Story of the Death of Jesus

Early in His ministry Jesus revealed that He knew He would be put to death by His enemies. He saw the cross coming in His life. Near the beginning of His ministry when He cleansed the temple, He said, "..... this temple, and in ..... days I will raise it up." (John





2:19) John says Jesus was speaking about His ..... (John 2:21) Six months before the crucifixion Jesus told His disciples plainly that He must go to Jerusalem there to "..... and be ....., and ..... the third day." (Matthew 16:21) A few days later Jesus was on a mountain with three of His disciples when, suddenly, two men, ..... and ....., came to speak with Jesus. (Matthew 17:3) They talked concerning the ..... at Jerusalem. (Luke 9:31) There are other passages which reveal that Jesus knew He would soon die on the cross.

There were many who, in some way, shared in the crucifixion. There was the ..... in the Garden who came to arrest Jesus (Luke 22:47), ..... who showed them the way and ..... Jesus with a kiss (Mark 14:44), the chief ..... (Mark 14:43), the ..... priest who passed sentence upon Him (Mark 14:64), ..... who delivered Him up to be ..... (Matthew 27:26), the ..... who led Him away and crucified Him. (Mark 15:16)

While upon the cross, Jesus spoke seven times as follows:

- "....." (Luke 23:34)
- "....." (Luke 23:43)
- "....." (John 19:26 and 27)
- "....." (Matthew 27:46)
- "....." (John 19:28)
- "....." (John 19:30)
- "....." (Luke 23:46)

The story of the crucifixion of Jesus is one which you will want to read over and over again. Read it in the four different Gospels and see how each one of them tells the story.

## 2. The Meaning of the Death of Jesus

The death of Jesus was more than the end of the earthly life. It is the great high-point in history which means so much to all of us. Jesus thought it to be very important. He often pointed to it as a part of God's plan for saving His people from their sins. When Jesus spoke to His disciples He told them that He ..... go to Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21) and ..... suffer and be killed. (Mark 8:31) When He spoke to them on another occasion He told them that He came into this world in order that He might give ..... as a ..... for many. (Matthew 20:28) After His resurrection Jesus told those on the way to Emmaus that Moses and the prophets already had revealed that the Christ would ..... and thus enter into glory. (Luke 24:26)



Jesus taught that He was dying on the cross in order that He might save us from our sins and that is what the Old Testament writers also tell us. Peter, who was one of the twelve disciples, writes in one of his letters, "Who his own self bare ..... in his own body ..... " (I Peter 2:24) John, also one of the twelve, wrote, "He laid ..... for ..... " (I John 3:16) Paul, who was the great apostle, wrote, "Who was ..... for our ..... " (Romans 4:25), "While we were yet ..... Christ ..... for us." (Romans 5:8)

One of the finest passages which tells us of the meaning of Jesus' death comes from the Old Testament where Isaiah writes, "All we like ..... have gone .....; we have turned ..... to his own way; and the Lord hath ..... on ..... the ..... of us ..... " (Isaiah 53:6)

### Identify the Following

(Place the numbers in the parenthesis where you think they belong)

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Judas                  | ( ) had a dream about Jesus                   |
| 2. John                   | ( ) said, "Truly this man was the Son of God" |
| 3. Peter                  | ( ) released from prison                      |
| 4. servant of High Priest | ( ) carried the cross for Jesus               |
| 5. wife of Pilate         | ( ) Jewish high priest                        |
| 6. Caiaphas               | ( ) betrayed Jesus                            |
| 7. Pilate                 | ( ) told to take care of the mother of Jesus  |
| 8. Herod                  | ( ) gave the tomb for burial                  |
| 9. Barabbas               | ( ) denied Jesus                              |
| 10. Simon of Cyrene       | ( ) Roman judge                               |
| 11. Centurion             | ( ) man whose ear was cut off                 |
| 12. Joseph of Arimathea   | ( ) helped bury Jesus                         |
| 13. Nicodemus             | ( ) Jewish ruler                              |

### Is it True? (Check the right statements)

1. ( ) The death of Jesus came as a surprise to Him.
2. ( ) Jesus suffered great physical pain on the cross.
3. ( ) Pilate did not want to crucify Jesus because he knew Jesus was innocent.
4. ( ) The Old Testament does not mention anything about the death of Jesus.
5. ( ) Because Jesus died on the cross it is possible for men to receive forgiveness of their sins.
6. ( ) Jesus died only for the sins of the Jews.
7. ( ) Jesus died for your sins also.

### Catechism Book

Questions 89 to 96 deal with the death of Jesus. Read these questions and answers. They will summarize our lesson today.



# JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

## Lesson 4

### The Living Jesus

In our last week's lesson we studied the death of Jesus on the cross and its meaning for us. Jesus was crucified and buried in the tomb which was sealed with a large stone. But today we learn that He did not remain in that tomb. He arose from the grave, just as He had promised and was seen by many during the days in which He revealed Himself. This is the wonderful story which we repeat each Easter season. It never grows old because it reminds us that there is life beyond the grave and that we, too, shall live even though we may die here. All of us have known someone who has gone from us. We say that they have died. Yet at the same time we think of them as being alive, even today. We believe that those who have accepted the Lord Jesus in faith here, are living a happy life beyond the grave with Him. Today's lesson should strengthen our faith in that life and encourage us to accept the Lord as our Saviour that we, too, may live with Him in the life to come.

#### 1. JESUS LIVES

This truth Jesus often told His disciples. *JESUS EXPECTED TO RISE FROM THE DEAD.* He knew that He would not only suffer and be nailed to the cross, but that He would also rise and live again. The tomb was ..... with a stone, and ..... were placed to watch it. (Matthew 27:65 and 66) However, when the women, and ..... (Mark 16:1) came early in the morning, they found the ..... rolled back, and the ..... of Jesus ..... (Luke 24:2 and 3) The angel told them, "He is ..... but is ....." (Luke 24:6) This is what Jesus had said would happen. At the temple He had told them that they would kill Him, but in "..... days I will ..... it up." (John 2:19) When He began to tell them of the coming cross, He also began to say that He would be "..... again ..... third ....." (Matthew 16:21) When He told of His betrayal, He spoke also of the time, on the third day, when He should be ..... (Matthew 17:23) Even when they began to go to Jerusalem the last time, He told them that they would ..... Him, ..... Him, and ..... Him; yet ..... (Matthew 20:19)

We know that Jesus rose from the dead because:

- the ..... in the tomb said so. (Matthew 28:5 and 6)
- ..... and Joanna, and ..... the mother of ....., and the other ..... who had been at the tomb told this to the disciples. (Luke 24:10)
- Jesus revealed Himself to ..... on the way to ..... One of these being named ..... (Luke 24:13 and 18)



- d. Jesus also revealed Himself to ..... (Luke 24:34), to the ..... without Thomas (John 20:24), to the disciples with ... (John 20:26), to seven disciples who were out in a boat ..... (John 21:1 and 2), to over ..... brethren at one time (I Corinthians 15:6), to His own brother, ..... (I Corinthians 15:7)
- e. When Luke writes to his friend he writes that Jesus "showed himself alive after his passion by ....., being seen of them ..... days." (Acts 1:3)

### We Know that Jesus is Still Living

Jesus spent forty days with His disciples after His resurrection and then we read that He was "received ....., and ..... on the ..... of God." (Mark 16:19) While the disciples watched Him disappear ..... men dressed in white promised them: "This same Jesus, which is ..... from you ....., shall ..... in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:10 and 11)

### 2. We Shall Live Also

Jesus did not only tell His disciples about His own resurrection but He also told them that they, too, would be raised from the dead. "The hour is coming, in the which ..... shall ..... his voice, and shall .....; they that have done ..... unto the ..... of ..... " (John 5:28 and 29) When Lazarus was dead Jesus told the sister Martha, " ..... : he that ..... though he were dead, yet shall ..... " (John 11:25) Jesus also assured His disciples that He was going to ..... a place for them and they would be ..... Him. (John 14:3) Paul, in his great resurrection chapter, writes, "As in Adam all ....., even so ..... shall all be ..... " (I Corinthians 15:22) One of his greatest words on the resurrection is expressed in the same chapter, verses 51 and 52: " ..... : He concluded the passage with a note of thanksgiving: " ..... " (I Corinthians 15:57)





## For You to Decide

(Read John chapter 20 and check the statements you think are true)

1. ( ) It was still dark when Mary Magdalene went to the tomb.
2. ( ) Peter could run faster than the other disciple as they went to the tomb.
3. ( ) When Mary saw that the stone was gone from the tomb she ran back to tell the disciples.
4. ( ) When Peter came to the tomb he went in at once.
5. ( ) Mary wept at the tomb because she thought Jesus had risen and she had missed seeing Him rise.
6. ( ) The two angels appeared to Mary outside of the tomb.
7. ( ) The disciples were afraid of the Jews and had shut the door to keep them out.
8. ( ) Thomas was the only one of the twelve disciples who was not present when Jesus showed Himself in the room the first time.
9. ( ) The first words which Jesus spoke to the disciples were, "Peace be unto you."
10. ( ) Thomas had to wait a whole week before he saw the risen Jesus.

## What do You Know about the Resurrection Body of Jesus?

(Match by placing the right number in the parenthesis)

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|--|-----|---------------|
| 1. It was a body which the disciples could see.                | ( ) | John 20: 19   |
| 2. His hands and side had the marks of the nails of the cross. | ( ) | John 21: 4    |
| 3. He could enter through closed doors.                        | ( ) | Luke 24: 43   |
| 4. He could appear and disappear suddenly.                     | ( ) | John 20: 20   |
| 5. There were times when they did not recognize Him.           | ( ) | Luke 24: 31   |
| 6. He could speak so that they heard Him.                      | ( ) | Matthew 28: 9 |
| 7. He could be touched.  | ( ) | John 20: 17   |
| 8. He could eat fish.  | ( ) | Luke 24: 39   |
| 9. He had flesh and bones.                                     | ( ) | Acts 1: 9     |
| 10. He ascended to God the Father.                             | ( ) | John 20: 27   |

## Catechism Book

Study questions 97 to 101; 195 to 200; 206 to 209.

## JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

### Lesson 5

#### The Coming Christ

In our previous lessons we learned of Jesus as the One who came from above, the Son of God. He lived among men, taught them, and died for them on the cross. The grave could not hold Him and so we learned of His resurrection and of His ascension to the right hand of the Father. Today we are to learn that this same Jesus is to come back again to take His rightful place as God's Son. This is one of the wonderful thoughts concerning the One whom we are learning to love and follow. We shall have time to study only a few of the passages which deal with this truth.



## 1. Jesus is Coming Again

After His resurrection Jesus spent forty days with His disciples. Sometimes they saw Him. At other times He was invisible. During those forty days He spoke to them about the ..... of ..... (Acts 1:3) He proved to them that He was ..... (Acts 1:3) and commanded them that they should ....., but wait for the ..... of the ..... (Acts 1:4) He promised them that they would receive ..... after the ..... had come upon them. (Acts 1:8) They were to be witnesses in ..... and ..... and ..... and unto the ..... of the earth. (Acts 1:8) They were to expect Him to return for the promise was given by ..... men, dressed in ..... (Acts 1:10 and 11)

Now that Jesus is seated at the ..... of God, (Hebrews 10:12) He prays for us, seeing He ever liveth to " ..... for them." (Hebrews 7:25) He understands us because He also lived and suffered. Therefore we can come ..... in prayer to the throne of grace. (Hebrews 4:16)

There are many passages which tell us that Jesus is coming again. In the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells His disciples that all the tribes of the earth "shall see the Son of man ....."  
....."  
(Matthew 24:30) Jesus promised He would come in a ..... with ..... and great glory. (Luke 21:27) The other writers of the New Testament all teach us that Jesus will come again. Paul writes, "For the Lord himself ..... with a ....."  
....." (I Thessalonians 4:16) Peter says, "When the chief ..... shall ....., ye shall receive a crown." (I Peter 5:4) John writes, "When he shall ....., we shall be like him; for we shall ..... him as he is." (I John 3:2)

When Jesus will come again is not known. He told His disciples "Ye know ..... nor ..... wherein the Son of man cometh." (Matthew 25:13) Because we do not know we are told to ..... (Matthew 25:13), to ..... (Mark 13:33), be ..... (Luke 12:40), ..... till He comes (Luke 19:13), ..... the commandments (I Timothy 6:14), ..... one another (Hebrews 10:25), ..... Him. (I John 2:28)

## 2. Signs of His Coming

Although Jesus said the time of His return is unknown, yet He did tell



us something about the days in which He shall return. In Matthew 24:7 we read these words, “.....”

In Luke 21:25 and 26 we read: “.....” Paul, in writing to Timothy, tells about the last days before the coming of Jesus. He gives a long list of things which describe people in those days. Make a list of seven which he mentions in II Timothy 3:1-9. (1) ..... (2) ..... (3) ..... (4) ..... (5) ..... (6) ..... (7) ..... Jesus told His disciples that they should go and preach the gospel. He also told them that before He came again the gospel would be preached “..... for a ..... unto .....; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14)

### 3. When Jesus Comes

The coming of Jesus is not to be feared by Christians. Paul says we should “..... one another” (I Thessalonians 4:18) with this thought. Then “the ..... in Christ shall .....” (I Thessalonians 4:16) “and so shall we ever be with .....” (I Thessalonians 4:17)

### Match These (Place the right number in the parenthesis)

- |   |     |                      |
|---|-----|----------------------|
| 1. Jesus is coming with angels.                     | ( ) | Matthew 28:19 and 20 |
| 2. Jesus is coming with rewards.                    | ( ) | Mark 8:38            |
| 3. Jesus is coming in glory.                        | ( ) | Matthew 24:36        |
| 4. Jesus is coming in power.                        | ( ) | Matthew 25:31        |
| 5. The time of His coming is unknown.               | ( ) | Matthew 24:30        |
| 6. Christians should be watching for His coming.    | ( ) | Matthew 16:27        |
| 7. Christians should be working until He comes.     | ( ) | Mark 13:33           |
| 8. All the dead will be resurrected.                | ( ) | Matthew 24:34        |
| 9. All men shall finally be judged.                 | ( ) | John 5:28-29         |
| 10. Christ and the righteous shall dwell in heaven. | ( ) | Romans 14:10         |
| 11. Satan and the wicked shall be punished.         | ( ) | II Peter 3:13        |
| 12. There shall be a new earth and new heavens.     | ( ) | Matthew 25:41        |



## Something to Think About

During these past weeks we have been studying the life of Jesus. We have seen that He is the Son of God who came to die for our sins. He lived a holy, sinless life. He revealed the love which the Father in heaven has for all of us. He died on the cross in order that we might be saved and enter into eternal life. He rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven to be at the right hand of the Father. One day He will be coming back again to receive the Christians. Have you learned to know and believe on Jesus as your own Saviour? Are you ready for Him when He appears? If not, why not do it now? He is always ready to receive us when we come to Him. If you need help, speak to your minister or parents. They will be glad to help you.

## Catechism Book

Study questions 201 to 205 and 206 to 209.





## UNIT FOUR

### BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

#### Lesson 1

#### We Need Forgiveness

Today we begin our studies in one of the most important parts of our Catechism instruction. We have been told often in Sunday school and in church services that Jesus came to be our Saviour, that we may accept Him and one day live with Him in the life to come. In these next weeks we will be studying how we can become a Christian and enter into life eternal. We will begin today by seeing our need of a Saviour because of our sins. Then in the next lessons we will learn how we can leave our sin and follow Him. Study these lessons carefully.

1. The following passages tell us what sin is according to the Bible:
  - a. .... Proverbs 24:9
  - b. .... Romans 14: 23
  - c. .... James 4: 17
  - d. .... I John 3: 4
  - e. .... I John 5: 17
2. Make a list of five things which you believe are always sin.
  - a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....
  - d. ....
  - e. ....
3. Make a list of five things which you believe are always good.
  - a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....
  - d. ....
  - e. ....
4. Who are sinners? Note the following Bible passages:
  - a. "All ..... like ..... have gone .....; we have turned every one ..... " (Isaiah 53:6)
  - b. Paul, in writing to the Romans, said that there is no difference for "....., and come ..... of God." (Romans 3: 23)
  - c. When John wrote his first letter he said, "If we say that we .....



....., we....., and the truth is not  
....." (I John 1:8) Then he wrote also, "If we say that we  
....., we make him a liar, and his word is .....  
....." (I John 1:10)

d. These verses and others show that ..... are sinners before God.

5. Sin is a serious matter because of what it does to those who live in it.

a. It hardens our conscience.

"Exhort one another ... lest any of you be ..... through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:13)

b. It makes slaves out of us.

"Whosoever committeth sin is ....."  
(John 8:34)

c. It leads us to death.

"The wages of sin is ..... " (Romans 6:23)

e. It brings shame upon us.

"Those things whereof ye ..... For the end of those things is ..... " (Romans 6:21)

e. It keeps us out of heaven.

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that ....., neither...worketh ....., or maketh a ..... " (Revelation 21:27)

f. It leads to eternal punishment.

"And these shall go away ..... "  
(Matthew 25:46)

6. We realize how serious sin is when we note how God looks upon it.

a. God ..... sin. Job 10:14

b. God ..... sin. Proverbs 6:16

c. God ..... sin. Isaiah 13:11

d. God ..... sin. Revelation 18:5

7. The wonderful thing about our lesson today is that we can know that God is ready and willing to forgive all our sins and accept us as His children. This we read in Micah 7:18 and 19.

"Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?...He will ..... again, he will have ..... upon us; he will ..... our .....; and thou wilt cast all ..... into the ..... of the ....."

8. When God forgives our sin we enter into a new life because then:

a. We are free from sin.



"Christ Jesus hath made me ..... from the law of ..... and ..... " (Romans 8:2)

- b. We have peace with God.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we .....  
..... " (Romans 5:1)

- c. We have new life.

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting ..... " (John 5:24)

## Catechism Book

Study questions 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 44 through 59.

## BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

### Lesson 2

### God Wants to Forgive Us

In our lesson last week we thought of the sin which has entered our life. We saw how all of us have done things which are displeasing to God. We have failed to do His will. That means we are in need of forgiveness. Only as we receive God's forgiveness can we enjoy His fellowship and expect to live with Him in this world and the next. In our lesson today we shall look toward God. What is God's attitude toward us? Is He willing and able to forgive our sins? We will try to study some of the verses which show us that God not only is able to forgive us but also wants to do so and has done everything possible so that we may be forgiven. This is one of the most wonderful truths in the whole Bible.

1. First of all we will see that there are ten things which the Bible tells us about God's willingness to forgive all our sins.

- a. We know that God loves every one of us.

"God commendeth his ..... toward ..... in that, while we were yet ....., Christ ..... for ....." (Romans 5:8)

- b. Because God loves us it is His desire that every one might be saved.

"The Lord is longsuffering to usward, ..... that any should ....., but that ..... should come to ....."  
(II Peter 3:9)

- c. God sent Jesus into the world in order to save us from our sins.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world ..... "  
(I Timothy 1:15)

- d. God sent Jesus to go out to find those who are in need of forgiveness.



"For the Son of man is come to ..... and to ..... that which was ..... " (Luke 19:10)

- e. God often speaks to us, calling us to come to Him.

"Today, if ye will ..... his ..... harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3:15)

- f. God never turns us away when we come to Him.

"Him that ..... unto me I will in no wise ..... " (John 6:37)

- g. God comes especially near to us at times. Then we should answer His call.

"Seek ye the Lord while ..... may be ....., call ye upon him while ..... is ..... " (Isaiah 55:6)

- h. God has promised to cleanse us from all our sins.

"Though your sins be as ....., they shall be as ..... as snow; though they be ..... like ..... they shall be as ..... " (Isaiah 1:18)

- i. God forgives our sins as a free gift.

"The ..... of God is ..... life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

- j. God forgives our sins because of His Son, Jesus Christ.

"Neither is there ..... in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we ..... " (Acts 4:12)

2. God is able to forgive us because of what Jesus Christ has done for us through His death on the cross.

- a. Jesus paid the price to set us free from the power of sin.

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ..... for ..... " (Matthew 20:28)

- b. Jesus took our place on the cross, dying for our sins.

"Christ also suffered for us,...Who his own self bare ..... in his ..... on the tree." (I Peter 2:21 and 24)

- c. Jesus has covered our sins and God sees them no more.

"He is the ..... (covering) for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the ..... of the ..... " (I John 2:2)

- d. Even now Jesus is pleading for us at the Father's right hand.

"If any man ..... we have an ..... with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (I John 2:1)





3. Having done all for us, God waits for us to choose. We need to accept His offer of forgiveness.

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil ...therefore ..... He is .....  
....." (Deuteronomy 30: 15, 19 and 20)

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 60 to 68; 77 to 79.

### BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

#### Lesson 3

#### How We Receive Forgiveness

We have seen in our last two lessons that we need God's forgiveness of our sins. We have also seen that God is anxious to forgive us. He has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. He has done everything He can to bring us to Himself as His forgiven children. Today we wish to think about our part in this forgiveness. What are we to do in order to receive this free gift from God? Is there anything we can or need to do in order to enjoy this blessing and have eternal life in Him?

1. First of all, we want to know what happens when God forgives us.

- a. He remembers our sins no more.

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not ..... " (Isaiah 43: 25)

- b. He gives us joy and makes us happy.

"..... is he whose transgression is forgiven." (Psalm 32: 1)

- c. He removes our sins from us forever.

"Thou wilt cast ..... into the depths .....  
....." (Micah 7: 19)

- d. He restores us to our place as a child in His family.

"This my son was ....., and is ..... again; he was .....,  
and is found." (Luke 15: 24)

2. What must we do to receive this forgiveness and be accepted into God's family?

- a. We need to recognize that we have sinned and confess this to God, asking for His forgiveness. He has promised that He will forgive.

"If we ..... our ..... he is faithful and just to .....  
us ....., and to ..... us from all unrighteousness."  
(I John 1: 9)



- b. We need to be willing to turn away from our sins and live for God. This is called "repentance" in the Bible.  
 "He that covereth his sins shall .....; but whoso.....  
 ..... and ..... them shall have mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)
- c. We are to believe that Jesus has died for us on the cross.  
 "..... on the ....., and thou shalt  
 ....." (Acts 16:31)
- d. We need to open our hearts to the Lord Jesus.  
 "As many as ..... him, to them gave he ..... to become  
 the ..... of ....., even to them that ..... on his  
 ....." (John 1:12)
- e. We need to tell others openly about Him and what He has done for us.  
 "If thou shalt ..... with thy ..... the Lord Jesus, and  
 shalt ..... in thine ..... that God hath raised him from  
 the dead, ..... shalt ....." (Romans 10:9)
- f. We need to give Him our obedience.  
 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the  
 kingdom of heaven; but he that ..... the ..... of my Father  
 which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)
- g. We need to be willing to forgive others who wrong us.  
 "If ye ..... men their ....., your heavenly Father will  
 also ..... you." (Matthew 6:14)

What Do You Think? (Underline the correct answer)

- Christ forgave when (they spat upon Him) (they lied about Him) (His own disciples denied Him) (they nailed Him to a cross) (they called Him a devil). Which was the hardest to do? Check.
- If I want God's forgiveness I must (ask for forgiveness) (do better next time) (forget about it).
- We should forgive others because (God loves us all) (peace makes life sweeter) (God will not forgive us unless we do) (Christ commands it) (we love each other).
- (Many) (All) people need God's forgiveness.
- If I am angry with others God will not forgive me. (True) (False)
- If I forgive others they will forgive me also. (True) (False)
- Without God's forgiveness no one enters heaven. (True) (False)
- It is easier to pray if we forgive others. (True) (False)
- It costs us nothing to be forgiven by God. (True) (False)
- God forgives us because He wants us to be with Him in heaven.  
 (True) (False)
- Once we are Christians, we no longer need forgiveness. (True) (False)



12. Whenever someone is forgiven the angels in heaven rejoice. (True) (False)
13. God will not forgive people who do not want to be forgiven. (True) (False)
14. Forgiveness brings with it much sorrow. (True) (False)
15. It is easy for us to ask God for forgiveness. (True) (False)

#### Match These:

	Freely .....	Romans 5:8
	Our sins .....	Acts 10:34 and 35
	Rather than punishes .....	Romans 3:24
	Gives peace of heart .....	Acts 2:38
GOD	In every country .....	I John 1:9
	Very dark sins .....	Romans 5:1
	Each one who repents .....	II Peter 3:9
	Sinners .....	Isaiah 1:18

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 69 through 76, 102 through 106, 122 through 129.

### BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

#### Lesson 4

#### Am I a Christian?

Today we are thinking of a very important question. We have learned that we are all sinners who need to be forgiven and received back into the family of God. We need to be born again and become Christians. We have learned that God is eager to forgive and receive us. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us in order that we might be saved. Last week we read some of the passages which tell us what we must do in order to receive God's forgiveness and become His child. Today we want to think further about this. Can we really know that we are Christians or must we only hope that we are? How can we know? Some people say that they are sure they have been forgiven and are saved. Can I know that? Am I a Christian?

1. God wants us to know that we belong to Him. When John wrote his first epistle he had that in mind. He said, "These things have I written unto you ..... that ye have ....."  
(I John 5:13)
2. God wants us to search our own hearts to make sure that we belong to Him. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "..... whether ye be in .....; ..... your own selves." (II Corinthians 13:5)



- What Do You Think? (Underline the correct answer)

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3. All Christians need to be strengthened in their faith. (True) (False)
4. As you think of your own life, are you certain that you are a Christian?
  - a. I do not know whether I am or not.
  - b. I am not but want to become one.
  - c. I am not and would like to have help in order that I may understand how to become one.
  - d. I think so, although I am not too sure.
  - e. I am certain that I am a Christian.

### Match These (Place the correct number in the parenthesis)

These are some of the things of which God wants us to be certain.

- |                                       |     |                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1. We have been elected by God.       | ( ) | Philippians 1:6     |
| 2. Our Redeemer lives.                | ( ) | Romans 8:38 and 39  |
| 3. We are children of God.            | ( ) | Romans 8:16         |
| 4. We have eternal life.              | ( ) | I Thessalonians 1:4 |
| 5. We are in God's love.              | ( ) | I John 5:13         |
| 6. God will hear our prayers.         | ( ) | Job 19:25           |
| 7. God will work in us until the end. | ( ) | James 1:12          |
| 8. We shall have a heavenly body.     | ( ) | II Corinthians 5:1  |
| 9. We shall receive a heavenly crown. | ( ) | Psalms 4:8          |
| 10. God will keep us in safety.       | ( ) | I John 5:15         |

### Catechism Book

Study questions 133 through 135.

## BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

### Lesson 5

#### The Final Home

We have seen how God has provided for us as sinners. He has given His Son, the Lord Jesus, who died for us that we might have eternal life and forgiveness. But there is more to what God has done for us. Not only has He provided for this life but He also has prepared a heavenly home for us. Our lesson today will show us some of the wonderful things which God has in store for us after this life is over. Some people are afraid to die. But God wants us to look forward with joy to the time when we shall leave this life. It is impossible for us to know everything because the Bible states: "Eye hath . . . . ., nor ear . . . . ., neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God . . . . . for . . . . . that . . . . . ." (I Corinthians 2:9) In our study we shall review a few passages which tell us of these things.

1. For this life God has given us some great promises:



- a. We need never be alone.  
"Lo, I am ..... , even unto the ..... of the  
....." (Matthew 28:20)
  - b. We have a Saviour who is praying for us.  
"He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by  
him, seeing he ..... to .....  
for them." (Hebrews 7:25)
  - c. We may receive strength to overcome every temptation.  
"God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that  
.....; but will with the temptation also  
make a ..... of ..... , that ye may be able .....  
....." (I Corinthians 10:13)
  - d. We are kept safely in God's hand as we trust Him.  
"No man is able to pluck them ..... of my ....."  
(John 10:29)
2. For the Life which is to come God has promised even greater things.
- a. There shall be a new heaven and a new earth.  
"We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth."  
(II Peter 3:13)
  - b. We shall have a new resurrection body.  
"The dead shall ..... , and we shall .....  
....." (I Corinthians 15:52)
  - c. We shall have a body "fashioned like unto ....."  
(Philippians 3:21)
  - d. We shall be together with Jesus.  
"And so shall we ..... be ..... " (I Thessalonians 4:17)
  - e. We shall be reunited with all the Christians of the ages.  
"The dead in Christ shall rise first...then we which are alive and  
remain shall be caught up.....  
...to meet the Lord in....." (I Thessalonians 4:16 and 17)
  - f. We shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive our  
rewards.  
"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one  
may ..... the ..... done in his ..... " (II Corinthians  
5:10)
  - g. We shall become more like Jesus.  
"We know that, when he shall appear, we shall .....;  
for we shall ..... as ..... " (I John 3:2)
  - h. We shall live a new life without pain, sorrow, or weakness.



"There shall be no more ..... neither ..... nor .....  
....., neither shall there be any more ..... " (Revelation  
21: 4)

3. There shall be an eternal separation from the ungodly.

"There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that ..... neither  
whatsoever ..... or maketh .....; but they  
which are written in the Lamb's ..... " (Revelation  
21: 27) "Without are ..... and ..... and ..... and  
..... and ..... and whosoever loveth ..... "  
Revelation 22: 15) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand,  
..... me, ye cursed, .....  
prepared for the ..... and his ..... " (Matthew 25: 41)

Which is it? (Underline the correct answer)

1. (Everybody) (Christians) will go to the heavenly home.
2. God's Word tells us that there is (no hell) (a real hell).
3. The thought of God's judgment should (frighten us) (cause us no concern)  
(influence us to live the Christian life).
4. Even Satan and his angels will be judged and punished. (True) (False)
5. The wicked shall be separated from the godly people (for a while) (for  
ever) after death.
6. We can be sure that we shall go to heaven if we (do our best) (accept  
Jesus as our Saviour and live for Him) (love our fellowman).

Write a Paragraph

Write a short paragraph on the subject: "How to Become a Christian." Write  
as though you were telling someone who wanted help from you.

Catechism Book

Study questions 209 through 218.



## UNIT FIVE

### MY CHURCH

#### Lesson 1

#### The Beginning of the Church

Today we begin our study of the Church. Soon the day will come when you will become a member of our church. This is the time for us to think seriously about the meaning of church membership. To be a member of the Church is a real honor for all of us. The Church has existed for almost two thousand years. While nations and people have come and gone, the Church has grown. Today we find the Church all over the world. In our lesson today we will want to learn something about the beginning of the Church. Who started the Church? When did it begin? What was it like in the beginning? Much of our story of the early church is found in the Book of Acts. Just as the Gospels tell us the story of the life of Jesus, so the Book of Acts tells us about the life story of the early church.

1. Before we study the early church we want to see what Jesus did. In His day the Church as we have it today did not exist. However, there were the synagogues in the villages and the temple in Jerusalem. In these they heard the Word of God, they prayed, and worshiped. It is interesting to see what place the synagogue had in the life of Jesus. You will find the facts in the following passages: Mark 1:21, 25; 3:5; 12:43; Luke 2:46; 4:16; 4:44; 13:15; John 2:14. Match these references with the statements below.

- a. Jesus spoke with the learned teachers in the temple .....
  - b. Jesus went to the services regularly .....
  - c. Jesus taught at Capernaum in the synagogue .....
  - d. Jesus cleansed a man in the synagogue .....
  - e. Jesus preached in the synagogue .....
  - f. Jesus healed in the synagogue .....
  - g. Jesus rebuked the leaders who were wrong .....
  - h. Jesus cleansed the temple of that which did not belong there .....
  - i. Jesus praised a widow for her offering .....
2. The first mention of the Church is found in Matthew 16:18. Jesus makes this statement: .....

In these words Jesus tells us: (underline correct answers)

- a. Peter will be the one to begin the Church.
  - b. The Church will be built upon rocks.
  - c. Jesus calls the Church "My Church."
  - d. The Church shall not be destroyed.
3. The Christian Church is described by various names in the Bible. (fill in blanks)





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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Ephesians 1:23    | B.....                    |
| b. I Peter 5:2       | F..... of God             |
| c. Ephesians 2:19    | H..... of God             |
| d. I Corinthians 3:9 | B..... of God             |
| e. Revelation 21:9   | B....., the Lamb's W..... |

4. Before Jesus went back to the Father, He:

a. Gave this command.

"....., and ..... all nations,  
..... them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19)

b. Gave this promise.

"Lo, I am ....., even unto the ..... of the  
....." (Matthew 28:20b)

5. Some of the leaders of the early church were the following:

- |   |              |
|---|--------------|
| a. The first recorded preacher .....      | Acts 2:14    |
| b. Close companion of Peter .....         | Acts 3:1     |
| c. Liberal giver and missionary .....     | Acts 4:36    |
| d. First martyr .....                     | Acts 7:59    |
| e. A great evangelist .....               | Acts 8:5-6   |
| f. A great missionary and apostle .....   | Acts 9:19-20 |
| g. A leader of the Jerusalem church ..... | Acts 15:13   |

6. The early church is described in the following verses.

"They continued steadfastly in the ..... and .....,  
and in ..... of ....., and in ..... And  
all that believed were ....., and had all ..... com-  
mon.. And they, continuing daily with ..... in the ....  
....., and breaking ..... from house to house, did ....  
their meat with ..... and ..... of heart, .....  
God, and having ..... with all the people. And the Lord .....  
..... to the church ..... such as should be ....."  
(Acts 2:41-47)

7. Important early churches were organized at:

- |         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| a. .... | Acts 15:4         |
| b. .... | Acts 13:1         |
| c. .... | Acts 9:42         |
| d. .... | Acts 18:22        |
| e. .... | I Corinthians 1:2 |



- f. .... I Peter 5:13
- g. .... Revelation 2:1
- h. .... Revelation 2:12
- i. .... Revelation 3:7
- j. .... Revelation 3:14

## Catechism Book

Study questions 139 through 142.

### MY CHURCH

#### Lesson 2

#### Becoming a Member of the Church

Last week we were thinking about the early church during the days of men such as Peter and Paul. That was 1900 years ago and today the Church is still with us. During these years it has spread over the world until today the Church has members in almost every country. Within a few weeks you will be joining the membership of the local church which is a part of that world-wide movement. Today we wish to study about the sacred rite of baptism. For over four hundred years the Mennonite Church has been baptizing those who wish to become members of the Church. After baptism they have been received into the Church. It may interest you to know that the Mennonite Church differs from many other denominations in the matter of baptism. We have always taught that before we are baptized we should learn about Jesus and accept Him as our Saviour. While others have baptized little children we have baptized those who are old enough to believe in Jesus. This we have done because we believe that the Bible teaches this form of baptism. We shall study a few passages today which deal with this subject.

1. The first mention of baptism in the Bible is during the time when John the Baptist baptized.
  - a. John preached saying, "..... ye: for the kingdom of heaven .....  
....." (Matthew 3: 2)
  - b. The people who were baptized came from ..... and .....  
(Mark 1:5)
  - c. The people baptized were "..... their sins." (Mark 1:5)
  - d. It was John who baptized ..... who came from Nazareth. (Mark 1:9)
2. When Jesus ascended to the Father He gave the disciples a command. In this command He told them to do three things: baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teach all nations; go. (Matthew 28:19-20) Place these in the order which Jesus gave them.
  - a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....



Do you see anything important in this order? What?

.....  
.....  
.....

3. What conditions are laid down for those who wish to be baptized?

a. When John the Baptist baptized, the people came, ".....  
their sins." (Matthew 3:6)

b. On the day of Pentecost, after Peter's sermon, many people asked,  
"What shall we do?" Peter gave them this answer: "..... and be  
..... every one of you in the name of .....  
for the ..... of ....." (Acts 2:38)

c. When the Ethiopian asked Philip whether he could be baptized Philip  
said, "If thou ..... with all ....., thou  
mayest." The Ethiopian answered, "I ..... that Jesus Christ is  
....." And then Philip baptized him. (Acts  
8:37)

d. At Corinth a chief ruler and many others were baptized. Crispus, the  
ruler, "..... on the Lord" and was baptized. Of the others it  
is said, "and many of the Corinthians ....., and  
were baptized." (Acts 18:8)

e. When Paul tells about his conversion he states that he was told,  
"arise, and be ....., and ..... away thy .....,  
..... on the name of the ....." (Acts 22:16)

f. In I Peter 3:21 Peter tells us that with baptism there is to be the  
"answer of a ..... toward God."

4. What do you think?

a. Why do you wish to be baptized?

.....  
.....  
.....

b. When are we ready for baptism?

.....  
.....  
.....

c. In what way does the Mennonite Church differ from many others in re-  
gard to baptism?

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.....  
5. I ought to become a member of the church because: (underline three important reasons)

- a. My parents want me to join.
- b. My school companions are joining.
- c. It is expected of me by the minister.
- d. I love the Lord and want to serve Him.
- e. I can serve my Lord better as a member of the church.
- f. I will be lost if I do not join.
- g. The church is respected in the community.
- h. I may be an example to others to do the same.
- i. I need the help of other Christians.
- j. The church needs me.

### Catechism Book

Study questions 143 through 147.

## MY CHURCH

### Lesson 3

#### Fellowship in the Church

This week we shall be thinking of our life as members of the Church. We have learned that the Church is a group of believers in the Lord Jesus. Through faith and our baptism upon that faith we become members of the Church. It is the desire of Jesus that His followers should strengthen and encourage each other. It is His desire that they should worship Him unitedly and regularly. There are many ways in which we can do this. In our singing, in our reading and studying of God's Word together, we worship Him and strengthen each other. Just as members of a family need to get together and talk with each other, so it is with God's family. Today we will study two ways in which we can join with others in the church.

#### 1. Prayer

Jesus prayed much. He prayed at His baptism, at the cross, and often at other times. Sometimes He prayed all alone, often through the whole night. The following thoughts tell us something about His prayer life.

Match the following statements with the correct Scripture passages:

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| a. When He began His life work.          | ( ) Mark 1:35        |
| b. For strength after a busy day.        | ( ) Matthew 14:23    |
| c. For guidance in choosing His helpers. | ( ) John 11:41-43    |
| d. In times of great popularity.         | ( ) John 17:20       |
| e. In times of victory.                  | ( ) Matthew 27:45-46 |
| f. When about to perform miracles.       | ( ) Luke 3:21-22     |
| g. In behalf of His friends.             | ( ) Luke 6:12-13     |
| h. For the whole Church.                 | ( ) Matthew 26:36-46 |
| i. For strength to do God's will.        | ( ) Luke 10:17-22    |
| j. In the hour of death.                 | ( ) Luke 22:31-32    |





There are many passages in the Bible which are prayer promises. They tell us that God will also answer our prayers. They tell us how we should pray in order that we may receive the answer. Notice the following:

<b>A</b>	sk .....
	ccording to His will .....
	greed with others .....
	biding in Christ .....
	biding in His Word .....
<b>S</b>	ure .....
	ecret .....
	elf denial .....
<b>K</b>	nock in name of Jesus .....
	nock often .....

Place the correct passage after each one of the thoughts above:  
 I Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 6:6; John 15:7; James 4:2; I John 5:14;  
 John 15:7; James 4:3; John 14:13; Mark 11:24; Matthew 18:20.

## 2. The Lord's Supper

Before Jesus went out to the garden and the cross He met with His disciples in the upper room. There He gave them many final teachings and also began the Lord's Supper. As a member of the church you will be joining with the others in this holy hour. It is the time in which we think upon the death of Jesus on the cross for our sins.

When Jesus sat at the table with His disciples He said, "Take, eat, this is ....., which is .....; this do in ..... of me...This cup is the ..... in .....; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in ..... of ....." (I Corinthians 11:24-25) In Mark 14:24 He said, "This is my blood of the ..... which is ....."

Paul considered the Lord's Supper very important. Therefore he warned against taking it lightly. He said, "Let a man ....., and so let him ..... of that bread and ..... of that cup." (I Corinthians 11:28)

## 3. Church Discipline

As Christians belonging to the Church, we are to live holy lives. We are to do that which will honor our Lord. When we do that which is sinful we bring reproach upon the name of Christ and of the church to which we belong. When some member of the church sins the church is to:



- a. .... such a one in the ..... of ..... (Question 190, Catechism book)  
 "Brethren, if a man be ..... in a ....., ye which are ....., ..... such an one in ..... of ..  
 .....; considering ....., lest thou also .....  
 ....." (Galatians 6:1)
- b. Try to convince such a person of the sin.  
 "Take with thee ..... or ....., that in the mouth of ..... or ..... witnesses every word may be ....."  
 (Matthew 18:16)
- c. If the sinner refuses to leave his sin, the church shall dismiss him from the group as a means of bringing him to repentance.  
 "..... from every brother that walketh .....  
 ....." (II Thessalonians 3:6)
- d. At any time, when one who has sinned within the church repents and turns from his sin, he shall be forgiven and accepted back into the group.  
 "Ye ought rather ....., and .....  
 ....." (II Corinthians 2:7)

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 148-154, 174-183, 190-194, 155-157.

### MY CHURCH

#### Lesson 4

#### The Mission of the Church

Today we study the Church and its place in the world. We have learned something about its beginning, its members, and its activity within the group. Today we think of its place in the world. Why is the Church carrying on its work? Is there any special task which has been given the Church? How are the Church and its members to act in the world? We will think of three things today: (1) The Church and the Family, (2) The Church and the Nation, (3) The Church and the World at large.

#### 1. The Church and the Family

- a. It was man who gave woman her name. (True) (False) (Genesis 2:20-24)  
 God made both man and woman because He knew that it was not ".....  
 ....." (Genesis 2:18)
- b. Jesus felt that the home was so important that "what ..... God  
 ..... together, let ..... put ....." (Mark  
 10:6-9)



- c. Only those who are Christians shall be married to each other. (True) (False) (I Corinthians 7:39; II Corinthians 6:14)
- d. Within the Home Circle
- (a) Husbands are to ..... their wives and wives are to ..... themselves to their husbands. (Ephesians 5:22-28)
  - (b) Parents are to bring up their children in the ..... and ..... of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)
  - (c) Children are to ..... their parents ..... (Colossians 3:20)
  - (d) Servants are to obey their masters in ..... of ..... , fearing ..... (Colossians 3:22)
2. The Church and the Nation
- a. The rulers of the nations are to be considered as appointed of God. (True) (False) (Romans 13:1)
  - b. Rulers are to keep watch over us and protect us. (True) (False) (Romans 13:1-4)
  - c. Rulers are to be obeyed in their commands at all times. (True) (False) (Acts 5:29)
  - d. We should try to have a clear ..... toward our rulers. (Romans 13:5)
  - e. The payment of taxes is a part of our Christian duty. (True) (False) (Romans 13:6-7)
3. The Church in the World
- a. Our responsibility to the non-Christian world is expressed in these passages:
    - (a) "Let your ..... so ..... before men, that they may ..... your ....., and ..... your Father which is ....." (Matthew 5:16)
    - (b) "..... ye ..... and ..... all nations, ..... them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ..... them to ..... all things ..... I have ....." (Matthew 28:19-20)
  - b. Our Responsibility to the Unfriendly World (Match these)
 

(a) Live in peace with all.	( ) I Peter 3:16
(b) Do not give in to anger toward them.	( ) Romans 12:19
(c) Keep the spirit of love in your heart.	( ) Romans 12:19
(d) Pray for them.	( ) I Peter 2:21-23
(e) Supply the needs even of our enemies.	( ) Matthew 5:44
(f) Study the example of Jesus.	( ) I Peter 2:19-20
(g) Be patient when called upon to suffer.	( ) Romans 12:20
(h) Do not argue.	( ) II Timothy 2:24



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|--|-------------------|
| (i) Never try to get revenge.                          | ( ) Matthew 11:26 |
| (j) Forgive quickly when wronged.                      | ( ) Matthew 5:22  |
| (k) Keep your conscience clear.                        | ( ) Matthew 5:22  |
| (l) Do not criticize and speak evil of the unfriendly. | ( ) Matthew 5:44  |

What do you think?

1. If we do not forgive others we still have a right to expect them to forgive us. (True) (False)
2. If we forgive others, they will forgive us. (True) (False)
3. If we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. (True) (False)
4. If we wrong someone we should (underline correct answer)
  - a. Go to them and make it right.
  - b. Wait for them to come to us.
  - c. Forget about it and do better next time.
5. If others wrong us we should (underline correct answer)
  - a. Wait for them to come and make it right.
  - b. Go to them and get it cleared up.
  - c. Forget about it.
  - d. Get even with them.

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 130-132, 136-138, 184-189, 117-121, 158-165.





## UNIT SIX

### LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

#### Lesson 1

#### Walking With God

Today we begin our last set of lessons. We have learned about Jesus as the Saviour; how we may accept Him into our own hearts and lives. We have seen that by a simple faith in Him we can become Christians and live with His children as members of the Church. His hand is always reaching out to us and He waits for us to come to Him. Have you done so? Are you one of His believing children today? Is it your desire to live for Him from day to day? In our lessons this month we will study more about the Christian life itself. Having accepted Jesus as our Saviour, what does it mean to live for Him? Does it make any difference in our daily life?

One of the most wonderful things about the Christian life is that we are never left alone to live by ourselves. We have God with us at all times. He lives with and in us through His Holy Spirit. At times we may not see Him nor even feel His presence, but He is with us always. The more we learn to know about this truth the greater becomes our joy and power in the Christian life. Today we study about this truth. In the Old Testament we are told that Enoch "walked with God." That is true of all the children of God. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you...?" (I Corinthians 6: 19)

One of the first things which we must learn about the Christian life is that we have the divine companionship of God's Holy Spirit. We need to be yielded to Him and let Him have His way with us in all things.

#### 1. The Holy Spirit came to others (Place correct number in parenthesis)

##### a. He came to men in the Old Testament

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| (a) Othniel as a judge                     | ( ) Nehemiah 9:20 |
| (b) Bezaleel as a worker in gold           | ( ) Daniel 4:8    |
| (c) Tailors making Aaron's garments        | ( ) Numbers 27:18 |
| (d) Joshua as a leader of Israel           | ( ) Exodus 28:3   |
| (e) Daniel as a revealer of dreams         | ( ) Numbers 11:25 |
| (f) Israel to teach them in the wilderness | ( ) Ezekiel 2:2   |
| (g) Seventy elders who helped Moses        | ( ) Judges 3:10   |
| (h) Ezekiel as a prophet                   | ( ) Exodus 31:2-4 |

##### b. He came to men in the New Testament (Fill in the names)

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| (a) Matthew 3:16  | ..... as the Son of God                  |
| (b) Acts 2:1-4    | ..... assembled in the upper room (1:13) |
| (c) Acts 4:8      | household of .....                       |
| (d) Acts 4:31     | ..... as he began to preach              |
| (e) Acts 6:3      | ..... in a prayer meeting (4:23)         |
| (f) Acts 6:5      | seven ..... in the early church          |
| (g) Acts 10:17-48 | ....., one of the seven                  |
| (h) Acts 13:9     | ....., who is also called .....          |



c. He came as the

(a) Spirit of .....	Isaiah 11:2
(b) .....	John 14:16
(c) Spirit of .....	John 16:13
(d) Spirit of .....	Romans 1:4
(e) Spirit of .....	Romans 8:14
(f) Spirit of .....	II Corinthians 3:17
(g) Spirit of .....	Galatians 4:6
(h) ..... Spirit	Ephesians 4:30
(i) Spirit of .....	Philippians 1:19
(j) ..... Spirit	Hebrews 9:14
(k) Spirit of .....	Hebrews 10:29
(l) Spirit of .....	I Peter 4:14

2. The Holy Spirit comes to us

a. He has been promised by the Lord Jesus, Himself.

"I will pray the Father, and he shall give you .....,  
that he may ..... " (John 14:16)

"I will not leave you comfortless: .....  
..... " (John 14:18)

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my ..... will  
love him, and ..... unto him, and make .....  
..... with him." (John 14:23)

"If I go not away, the ..... will not come unto you; but if  
I depart, I will ..... unto you." (John 16:7)

b. The promise is that He will: (Find the correct verse in John, chapters 14-16, and write it in before the answer)

..... be the Spirit of truth  
..... guide into all truth  
..... remind us of Christ's words  
..... show things to come  
..... glorify Christ  
..... not speak of Himself but of Christ  
..... enable Christians to do greater works than Christ.  
..... convict the world  
..... come because Christ went away  
..... abide with the children of God forever

c. The fruit of the Spirit in our life is given by Paul in Galatians 5:22 and 23. Place these in the order in which he gives them.



meekness	(a)
longsuffering	(b)
love	(c)
goodness	(d)
faith	(e)
peace	(f)
joy	(g)
gentleness	(h)
temperance	(i)

d. The Spirit comes to us when we repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. (Fill in)

"..... and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the ..... of ....., and ye .....  
..... the gift of the ....." (Acts 2:38)

#### Catechism Book

Study questions 22-23; 107-116.

### LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

#### Lesson 2

#### Working With God

Last Sunday we studied about the way in which God lives with us and in us through His Holy Spirit. He has come to stay with us all of our days until we leave this earthly life. It is His desire that we should yield our lives to Him daily. It is only then that He can make our lives pure and holy. He can help us in all of our problems and activities.

Today we want to learn that the Holy Spirit within us also wishes to USE us. He has come into the world that He might bring man to the Lord Jesus; that He might carry on the work of our heavenly Father in the world. In order to do that He needs those who will permit themselves to be used as workers with Him. We are to be co-workers with God in the carrying out of His plans for the whole world. Are we willing to have Him use us for this service? Have we given Him our hearts and lives to use as He sees fit?

In our lesson today we will study something about the way in which God calls and uses His children in His vineyard.

- God has no set method of calling people into His service.  
(Fill in the missing name and the correct Scripture reference from the ones listed below)
  - ..... was called while he was working out in the desert for his father-in-law. ( )
  - ..... was sound asleep when the call of God came to him.  
( )



- c. .... heard the call of God through a great vision after the death of a king. ( )
- d. .... was called while he was on the road making a journey. ( )
- e. .... was called by lot while the disciples were waiting in Jerusalem. ( )
- f. .... was called while he was still a very young boy. ( )
- g. .... saw visions of God and heard His voice calling him while he was a refugee far away from home. ( )
- h. .... was called while he was taking care of sheep. ( )
- i. .... and .... were called while they were mending their fishing nets. ( )
- j. .... was called while he was collecting taxes. ( )

Isaiah 6; Jeremiah 1; Exodus 3; Jonah 1; Ezekiel 2; Amos 7; I Samuel 3; Acts 9; Acts 1:26; Mark 1:19-20; Mark 2:14.

2. God does not call all to the same task by His Spirit but gives different tasks to each.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of .....; to another the word of ..... by the same Spirit; To another ..... by the same Spirit; to another the ..... by the same Spirit; To another the .....; to another .....; to another ..... of spirits; to another divers kinds of .....; to another the ..... of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to ..... severally as he will." (I Corinthians 12: 8-11)

3. God has no set class of people whom He calls into His service. Can you match these?

- a. He called some that were not educated people .....
- b. He called some that were highly educated .....
- c. He called some who were fiery tempered .....
- d. He called some who were reared in the city .....
- e. He called some reared in the country .....
- f. He called some who were very young .....

(Isaiah, Jeremiah, Peter, Paul, Micah, Sons of Thunder)





4. In the early church it became necessary to choose helpers in the work. Those who were to be chosen for this work had to have three things, according to Acts 6:3.
- a. ....
  - b. ....
  - c. ....

What would you say about this? (Mark true or false)

- ( ) 1. God calls men and women to be teachers, farmers, and other workers just as well as preachers and missionaries.
- ( ) 2. It does not make much difference what kind of work we do as long as we are faithful to God.
- ( ) 3. Every Christian ought to ask himself the question: Does God want me to be a preacher or a missionary?
- ( ) 4. We can never be certain that we are in the work which God wants us to be doing.
- ( ) 5. God never intended that we should enjoy the work which we are to do for Him.
- ( ) 6. There are some kinds of work which no Christian ought ever do.
- ( ) 7. Most people do not pay enough attention to the choice of their life work.
- ( ) 8. We ought to wait with choosing our life work until we have graduated from high school.
- ( ) 9. If I ask God to lead me in deciding my work and am willing to do whatever He wants me to do, He will guide me to the right choice.
- ( ) 10. God has planned a definite task in life for each of us.

Important Suggestions in Finding our Life Work (Which three do you think most important? Check these.)

- ( ) 1. Make your life work a matter of prayer
- ( ) 2. Expect God to lead you
- ( ) 3. Look for guidance through Bible study
- ( ) 4. Be willing to do anything God asks you to do
- ( ) 5. Expect to be happy in your work for Christ
- ( ) 6. After you have decided, do not always wish you had done something different
- ( ) 7. Talk to Christian people and be willing to take their advice

What would you do? (Underline the answer)

- 1. If God called you to do something which you do not want to do? (excuse yourself) (get busy doing something else) (ask for willingness)
- 2. If you saw the need of workers in the work of the Church? (wait until asked to help) (offer your help) (encourage others to help)
- 3. If you felt that you were not able to do the work to which you are called? (go ahead and do the best you can) (refuse to do it) (wait until you are better prepared)
- 4. If you were sure that God wanted you to be in active Christian work such as preaching or missionary work? (answer the call) (try to avoid the call)



## LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

### Lesson 3

#### Winning With God

Today we are thinking of a problem which comes to all of us. It is our desire to live the kind of life which will be pleasing to our Lord and Saviour. We have given our life to Him. Now it is our wish to serve Him faithfully in the work which He has planned for us. But how can we live a life of victory? We know that sin is always around us. We have an enemy who is always trying to lead us into sin. We know that we are not always living the life of victory over sin. Yet we do want to live as those who win the battle against the enemy. What can we do in order that this may be possible?

One thing we need to remember—it is God's desire that we should be winning the battle! Not only did He send the Lord Jesus to die for our sins in order that we might be forgiven and have eternal life, but He also sent Jesus in order that we might gain the victory over the temptations of everyday life. He wants us to grow stronger as we walk with Him. In our lesson today we will think of ways in which we may live victoriously.

#### Temptations of Everyday Life

1. Temptations come to all of us. Even the life of Jesus was not without temptation. As we study the life of Jesus we learn that:
  - a. He was tempted immediately after His baptism by ..... (Mark 1:13)
  - b. He was tempted to do these three things at that time. (Matthew 4:1-11)
    - (a) .....
    - (b) .....
    - (c) .....
  - c. He was tempted all through His life. The writer to the Hebrews states: "was in ..... tempted ..... as ....." (Hebrews 4:15)
  - d. Yet in the midst of temptation Jesus was always ..... (Hebrews 4:15)
2. Temptations come to us in every walk of life. Name two common temptations under the following headings:
  - a. In the home
    - (a)
    - (b)
  - b. In school
    - (a)
    - (b)



- c. In church
    - (a)
    - (b)
  - d. On the playground
    - (a)
    - (b)
  - e. In business
    - (a)
    - (b)
3. We are tempted to do wrong because: (Underline two common reasons)
- a. We are influenced by friends
  - b. We do not want others to laugh at us
  - c. Satan works upon us and influences us
  - d. We cannot help ourselves—we are made that way
4. Questions we may ask in deciding what is right and wrong in daily life.  
(Match the questions with the correct Scripture reference)
- a. Does it glorify God? ( ) I Corinthians 6:12
  - b. Can it be done for God? ( ) Hebrews 12:1
  - c. Does it set the right example? ( ) I Timothy 4:12
  - d. Is it a weight to my Christian life? ( ) Colossians 3:23
  - e. Does it make a slave of me? ( ) I Corinthians 10:31
  - f. Can it be done with a good conscience? ( ) Philippians 2:5
  - g. Does it take that which rightfully belongs to God? ( ) Ephesians 4:1
  - h. Does it bring reproach upon the name of Christ? ( ) Matthew 22:21
  - i. Does it cause offense? ( ) Acts 24:16
  - j. Would Jesus do it? ( ) I Corinthians 6:12

#### Victory in Everyday Life

- 1. I Corinthians 10:13 .....
- 2. II Corinthians 2:14 .....
- 3. Hebrews 7:25 .....
- 4. Philippians 1:6 .....

#### Victory is Promised to those who:

- 1. II Peter 1:10 .....
- 2. Ephesians 6:16 .....
- 3. I John 5:4 .....



4. Matthew 6: 33 .....
5. Hebrews 7: 25 .....
6. John 10: 27-29 .....

What do You Think? (Mark true or false)

- ( ) 1. It is possible for us to live without sin.
- ( ) 2. Satan tempts every one of us, trying to lead us away from God.
- ( ) 3. It is easy to do the right thing even if others laugh at us.
- ( ) 4. Living a life of victory over sin gives us a happy heart.
- ( ) 5. God does not care whether we are weak or strong in the conflict against sin.
- ( ) 6. One victory over sin makes us stronger against the next one.
- ( ) 7. It is easier to gain victories over temptation at home than in school.
- ( ) 8. Older people are tempted much less than young people.
- ( ) 9. Prayer and Bible reading help us to overcome temptations in life.
- ( ) 10. When our conscience bothers us it is a sign that we have been defeated in our struggle against some temptation.

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### Lesson 4

#### What Have I Learned?

We have come to the closing lesson in our studies. We have spent these months in learning about Jesus and His teachings. We have spent time both in class and outside in thinking about the great teachings of the Bible. We are now coming to the hour of baptism in which we shall make our confession of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. We shall become members of the Church and go out to live for Him. May you always keep your hearts and lives in full surrender to Him and you will have much joy in your Christian experience as you serve Him.

Our lesson today is an opportunity for you to express in your own words some of the things you have learned and experienced during these weeks of study. Feel free to give your own ideas about the following subjects. It will help you to strengthen your own faith; also it will help your pastor to know you better, to pray for you, and to work with you.

1. I believe in God as the





2. I believe in Jesus Christ as the

3. I believe in the Holy Spirit as the

4. I believe that sin

5. I believe in the Bible as the



6. I believe in prayer as

7. I believe concerning the Church

8. I believe that in order to become a Christian I must

9. I believe I am ready for Baptism because



10. I have made a definite decision for Christ in which I have received Him as my Saviour and have given Him my heart and life. This decision I made

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